

FINAL ROLL CALL

Deputy John Snodgrass - Killed in the line of duty May 26, 1882. Deputy Snodgrass arrested a barkeeper named Hazel whom he had taken in front of the local Justice of the Peace. While attempting to disarm Hazel, Hazel pulled a gun and shot Snodgrass in the abdomen. Deputy Snodgrass succumbed to his injury the following day.

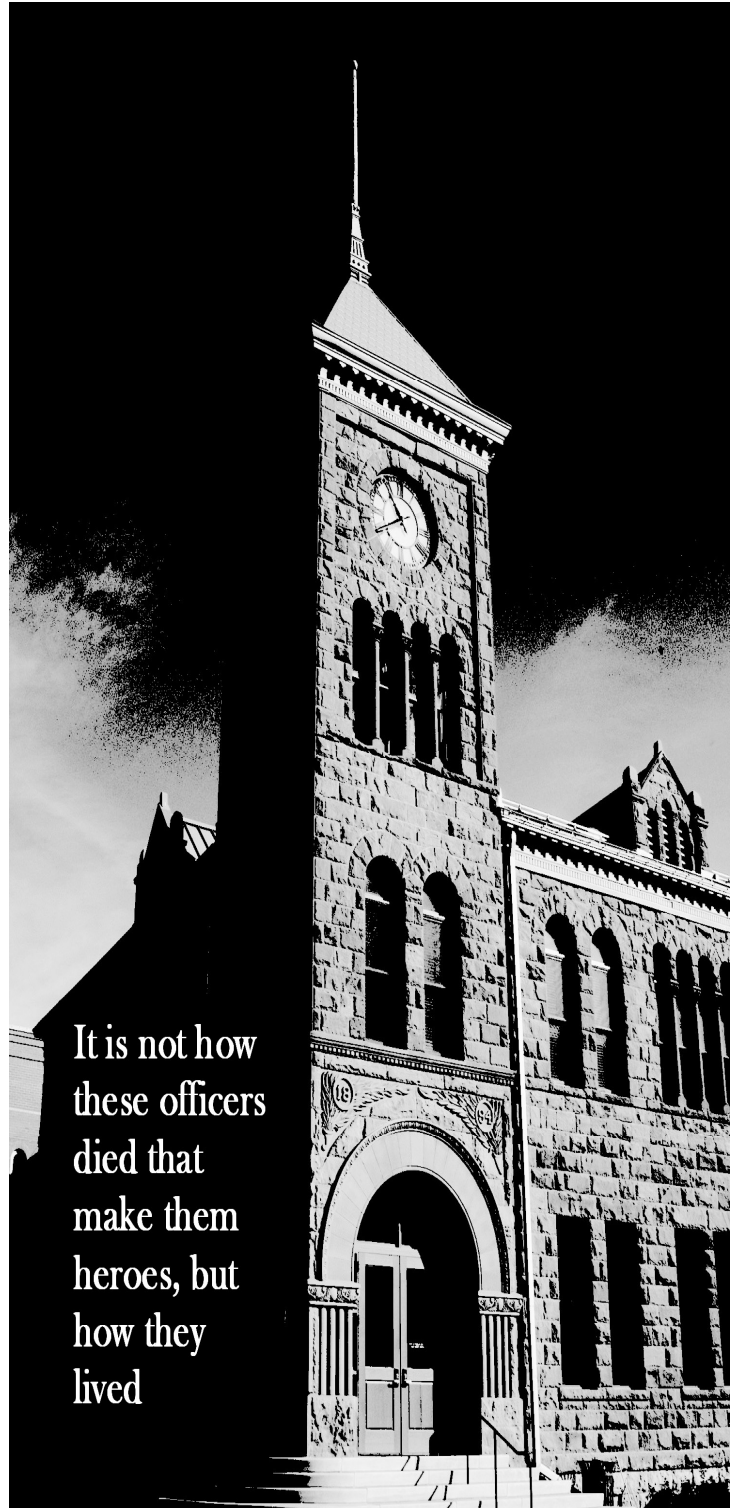
Deputy William Montgomery - Killed in the line of duty November 11, 1899. Deputy Montgomery was shot and killed while attempting to arrest a man on a warrant for assault with a deadly weapon at a campsite. While another Deputy was making the arrest, the suspect's companions opened fire, killing Montgomery, and wounding the arresting Deputy and a deputized civilian.

Deputy Escapulo D. Norro - Killed in the line of duty July 17, 1908. Deputy Norro was told by a woman that a bartender named Jim Duncan, who was at the Harvey House in Williams, had caused her some trouble. Norro found Duncan at the Jones saloon and tried to arrest him, both going for their guns. When the smoke cleared, Norro was dead from two gunshot wounds. Two bystanders were wounded. Duncan was taken into custody and rushed to Flagstaff to keep him from being lynched.

Deputy Victor Melick - Killed in the line of duty May 31, 1919. Deputy Melick had just placed Simplicio Torrez under arrest when Torrez drew a pistol and shot him three times. Torrez was arrested for whipping Jim Smith with a weighted horse quilt. Torrez fled, but was tracked down, arrested, convicted and then hung.

Deputy John B. Jamison - Killed in the line of duty September 6, 1982. Deputy Jamison was ambushed while checking on another Deputy who Dispatch had lost radio contact with. The other Deputy was checking on a stolen truck when he was disarmed and handcuffed to a tree by an armed suspect hiding in a tent. The suspect then left in the stolen vehicle, passing Deputy Jamison. The suspect stopped the truck, got out and opened fire with a rifle on Deputy Jamison who was pinned down inside his patrol unit. Jamison was shot three times at close range. Twenty seven rounds were shot into his patrol vehicle. The suspect and an accomplice fled, but were apprehended in Flagstaff. Both were tried and convicted of felony murder. A female accomplice was released after serving 14 years in prison. The shooter was executed in the year 2000.

Deputy James Michael Young - Killed in the line of duty May 25, 1983. Deputy Young, assigned to the Fredonia District, was attempting to serve an arrest warrant on a subject at his home. Once Deputy Young and backup officers entered the home, the suspect who was brandishing a pistol, came out of a back bedroom where he and Deputy Young came face to face in a narrow hallway. Deputy Young was able to draw his pistol and kill the suspect. Deputy Young was also shot and killed in an exchange of gunfire with the suspect.



In 2006, a plaque honoring those who have fallen in the line of duty was presented by the Sheriff. The photo on the plaque features the renovated Coconino County Courthouse. Special thanks to Tom Ross for his dedication to the Final Roll Call project.